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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES ON CHEMICAL
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REFS: A. STATE 50666 DTG 080116Z MAR 77;
B. USNATO 1284 DTG 081859 Z MAR 77;
C. STATE 49286 DTG 050143Z MAR 77 (NOTAL)

1. CROSSING TELEGRAMS WITH CONFLICTING REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS ARE COMPLICATING THE MATTER OF ARRANGING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GERMANS (REF A). IN A DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE CW EXPERT HAUBER ON MARCH 8, HE ADVISED US OF THE FRG PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL POLADS MEETING (REF B) AND SAID THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN
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WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUGGEST THAT THE U.S. CONSULT BILATERALLY WITH THE FRG ON MARCH 24 IN BONN.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER THOROUGHLY WITH HAUBER, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF SUGGESTING A POSTPONEMENT OF THE POLADS MEETING AND THOUGHT THAT

BOTH THE NATO MEETING AS WELL AS A US-FRG BILATERAL IN BONN WERE FEASIBLE. DURING THE DISCUSSION WE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION AGAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S MARCH 4 NON-PAPER (REF C) AND POINTED OUT THAT U.S. PARTICIPATION IN NATO CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME SEEMED PREMATURE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. STUDY OF CW POLICY ISSUES WAS STILL AT AN EARLY STAGE. WE ARGUED THAT IT MADE BETTER SENSE TO HAVE MORE MEANINGFUL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY ALLIES NOW, WITH NATO CONSULTATIONS DEFERRED TO A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME. HAUBER RESPONDED THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. COULD NOT SAY IN NATO "WHAT IT HAS ALREADY SAID TO THE RUSSIANS," RESERVING ITS CURRENT POSITION AS REQUIRED PENDING COMPLETION OF THE U.S. POLICY STUDY.

3. AS US MISSION NATO POINTS OUT (REF B), THE FRG DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON CW AND OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES IS NO SECRET. HAUBER STRESSED TO US THE DESIRABILITY OF INVOLVING THE BRITISH, DUTCH, BELGIANS, ITALIANS, AND CANADIANS IN PARTICULAR IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE WESTERN GROUP MEETING IN GENEVA ON MARCH 28. HAUBER MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS WERE STILL UPSET THAT THE BRITISH HAD TABLED THEIR DRAFT CONVENTION AT THE CCD WITH NO PRIOR ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS. SINCE THE CW ISSUE AFFECTS ALLIANCE SECURITY, HAUBER CONTINUED, THE GERMANS HELD STRONGLY TO THE VIEW THAT THE SUBJECT WAS DESERVING OF ALLIED CONSULTATIONS TO ENABLE ALL MEMBERS TO OFFER THEIR VIEWS ON AN APPROPRIATE ALLIANCE APPROACH. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. SHOULD WASHINGTON DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL POLADS MEETING, AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONSULTATIONS IN BONN. HAUBER SAID THE FRG WOULD BE READY TO RECEIVE THE U.S. TEAM DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 ANY TIME PRIOR TO MARCH 25. SHOULD THE U.S. DECIDE TO CONSULT ON MARCH 24, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE TEAM PLAN TO ARRIVE IN BONN ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, WITH CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING EARLY MORNING MARCH 24 AND CONCLUDING NO LATER THAN 1600. THIS WOULD PERMIT HAUBER AND OTHER GERMAN EXPERTS TO DEPART BY AN EVENING TRAIN (DEP BONN 1736 AND 1909) FOR BRUSSELS. U.S. TEAM MEMBERS COULD ALSO DEPART ON THE SAME TRAIN- SHOULD THEY BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SPECIAL POLADS MEETING.

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